



# Immanuel Messenger

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*A Word from the Pastor*

## Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2012

One morning this past springtime, I was pleased to see a mother and little daughter get on an elevator with me. The daughter was dressed in a ballet dress. It was cold outside and the mother wanted her daughter to put on a coat, but the little girl cried a bit at that, perhaps because she feared it would hide her pretty dress.

The mother spoke softly to her daughter in Spanish. Then on the next floor another woman joined us in the elevator. She too began speaking soothing words to the little girl, but she spoke in a lovely French-accented English.

And I stood there, speaking no lovely foreign languages at all—just my Eastern Shore of Maryland English. But as I stood there listening to this beautiful mix of languages and accents, I thought to myself, What a great city New York is!

We see beautiful little vignettes like this all the time in our town. People of various nationalities and languages speak sweetly to one another, with good will, and things are as they ought to be. We see this on our subways, on our sidewalks, and in church. We see neighborly good will in times of crisis like recent Hurricane Sandy, when neighbors check on one another and help one another, without even pausing to think about the social, racial, ethnic, and language differences that too often divide people from one another.

Imagine if this were so throughout our whole city, not only from time to time, but continually, from all our people. Jesus is the kind of King who will inspire our city toward our absolute best! He will free us to be good to one another all the time. What a great city that shall be! What a great world this

shall be when our Lord Jesus returns with beauty and power to serve forever as Christ the King. “Thy kingdom come.” Soon! Amen.

In Christ,

*Gregory Fryer*

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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## Immanuel’s Children’s Choir to Sing at Liturgy on November 11<sup>th</sup> and again on December 16<sup>th</sup>

Immanuel’s Children’s Choir under the direction of Tiffany Rosenquist de La Torre and Jim Miller will be delighting us with their voices during the morning liturgy on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and again on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Voters’ Assembly

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Our Voters’ Assembly is scheduled to meet on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. At that time will review and adopt a proposed budget for 2013, hear the Treasurer’s Report and reports from the Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees, the Endowment Fund Committee and the Pastor. If you would like to become an official member of the Voters’ Assembly, please mention your desire to Pastor Fryer, who will present your name to the Assembly. Our Constitution gives this rule: *The Voters’ Assembly shall consist only of such members who have reached the age of eighteen, who are diligent in worship, regularly partake of the Lord’s Supper and live a life in conformity with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## Block Party Results!

Again, a warm thank you to Kathy Jolowicz, all her helpers and everyone involved before, during or after Immanuel's first Block Party this past September 29<sup>th</sup>. As reported in last month's newsletter, our five tables made \$1,285. Listed below is the final total:

\$1,285 — Immanuel's five tables

\$1,505 — Proceeds from vendors

\$2,790 — Grand Total towards Immanuel's Roof Fund

Great job everyone!

## The Book of Job

Taught by Our Member John Wilson



The Book of Job has inspired Judge John Wilson whole—in faith, mind, and art. John crafted the desolate Job here, sitting on his ash heap, his life stripped bare of everything precious to him except for his loyalty to the Lord. Also John has prepared a booklet of the striking engravings of the book of Job by William

Blake (1757-1827), the English poet, painter, and print maker. Copies of the booklet are still available for the class. Feel free to join the class whenever you can. I think you will enjoy it. Classes are held at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings, in the undercroft.

Pastor Fryer

## Thanksgiving Eve

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012

We celebrate our national day of Thanksgiving with a liturgy at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, November 21<sup>st</sup>. It is a spoken liturgy with hymns and cantor, along with Music Director Gwendolyn Toth.

## Fraternité Notre Dame Toy Collection

Once again this year the Sisters of the Fraternité Notre Dame will be hosting a Christmas party for needy children. This year the party will be on Friday, December 14. They are asking for donations of new toys. If you can give a toy, please wrap it and mark it as to the age of the child and whether it is for a boy or girl. (Please no guns or violent toys.) The Sisters will also accept toiletries or clothing as they distribute gifts to the hospitalized and homeless as well. No need to wrap these. You may leave your gifts in the narthex on Sunday mornings, or bring them to the church office during the week. The last day for bringing gifts is Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, as the Sisters will pick them up from the church office on Monday morning, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Sunday School Mitten Tree

The Sunday School will have a mitten tree once again this year. Please give the mittens you bring to one of our Sunday School teachers. The mittens will be given to the Fraternité Notre Dame who will distribute them to needy children. The mitten tree will be put up during the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.